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Via email: 68933-68710795@requests.muckrock.com

Re: HQ-2019-00481-F

Dear Mr. Pfeiffer:

This is an updated interim response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

DOE's current procedures (or guidance) to process FOIA requests; review them for classified material; and redact info through application of FOIA exemption categories. 2) Any memos associated with the current guidance that discuss the procedures or discuss any concerns associated with the processing of FOIA requests, the identification of classified material, and the application of exemptions. 3) Any internal reports on the handling of FOIA requests, identification of classified info, and application of exemptions in the agency produced in the last two years, such as annual reports.

In a June 3, 2019, email, with Mr. Jeff Crile, of my office, you amended your request to narrow the scope of your request to DOE Headquarters, Oak Ridge Office (ORO), Savannah River Office (SRO), and the Richland Operations Office (ROO).

In our February 26, 2019, letter, DOE informed you that your request had been assigned to the Office of Public Information (MA-46) to conduct a search of its files for responsive documents. Upon further review, your request has also been assigned to DOE's Office of the General Counsel. Upon completion of the search and review of any records located, you will be provided a response.

Per your June 3, 2019 amendment, your request has also been transferred to ORO, SRO, and ROO. Ms. Linda Chapman, Ms. Jennifer Farmer, and Ms. Dorothy Riehle, FOIA Officers at those locations, will conduct a search of their files and provide a separate response directly to you.

If you have any questions about the processing of your requests, you may contact the following:



Ms. Linda Chapman, FOIA Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, ORO, P.O. Box 2001, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. She may also be contacted at 1-865-576-1216.

Ms. Jennifer Farmer, FOIA Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, SRO, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC 29801. She can also be reached at 803-952-7813.

Ms. Dorothy Riehle, FOIA Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, ROO, P.O. Box 550, Mail Stop A7-75, Richland, WA 99352. She can also be contacted at 509-376-6288.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at (202) 586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1(877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Please refer to the above reference number in any communications with DOE about your request. If you have any questions about this letter or the processing of the request, you may contact Mr. Jeff Crile, or me, at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, or at (202) 586-6097.

I appreciated the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Morris', with a large, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Alexander C. Morris
FOIA Officer
Office of Public Information